GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CONTRIBUTION OF LIVE STOCK SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution of the livestock sector to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country;

(b) whether any specific research work has been undertaken recently to improve the quality of livestock;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal to establish a separate Livestock Research Unit in the country;and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.128 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27 OCTOBER,2008.

(a) According to the estimates of the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), the contribution of livestock sector to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the countiy during the year 2006-2007 was 4.36%.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has undertaken research work as follows:-

1.Buffalo genomics programme to identify specific gene for economic traits.

2.Evaluation of the status of A1/A2 allele in the beta casein locus among Indian cattle and buffalo breeds to resolve A1/A2 controversy regarding the health status of people consuming milk.

3.Network programme to develop methane mitigation strategies in livestock mainly through nutritional manipulation and engineering of rumen microbial population.

4.Network programme on Blue Tongue disease for sero surveillance and development of pentavalent vaccine for effective control of the disease.

5 Regional Referral FMD laboratory for India and SAARC countries for molecular and epidemiological studies of the disease.(FMD)

6.Programme for the improvement of existing and relevant diagnostic and vaccines against livestock and new generation vaccines and diagnostics.

7.Animal Disease Monitoring and Surveillance Programme for better surveillance of various livestock diseases.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.